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The Sunday Advertiser will be delivered for twenty-five cents a month, payable in advance. All who get on the list before Saturday next will find the paper at their doors on Sunday morning, Jan. 4. Bear in mind that the Sunday paper is not covered by the monthly price of the Daily. It requires a separate subscription.

A CABLE EDITION.

In place of the annual New Year number of the Advertiser, which has fixed the high water mark of local journalism for some years past, there will be published, as soon as electric communication with the coast has been secured, a SPECIAL CABLE NUMBER.

The issue will be a large one, both in the size of the paper and of the edition. It will contain special articles relating to the cable, its methods of construction and operating, its personnel and history and cognate themes of peculiar interest and value at this time. There will be many pictures.

The exact date upon which the paper will appear cannot yet be stated. It is supposed to include in the table of contents a full account of the ceremonies of cable day, and a large number of special dispatches apart from the Associated Press news. As soon as the cable people do their work and the line is ready for business, the special number will appear. This may be as early as Friday, but not later, it is thought, than Sunday morning.

The next coast advices should bring news of another great volcanic eruption, signals from which have been carried in the Hawaiian sky for several evenings past. Yesterday at 6 p. m. the western sky had the peculiar blood-red appearance which is made by the rays of the declining sun playing through the fine dust blown into the upper-atmosphere from volcanic vents. Speculation as to the locality of the upheaval is of course useless, though fancy hovers around Central America and Samoa. It will be remembered also, that the last advices from Soufriere were not encouraging.

And now it appears that Mr. Sumner paid a man \$1,000 for reading a deed to him. Being such a "good thing" it is no wonder that Mr. Sumner and his \$48,000 attracted the favorable notice of the estate lawyers. Evidently he begins to appreciate the fact and he is showing a commendable distaste for parting with any more of his fortune. Possibly the next move of the lawyers will be to cite this change of mind in proof of the old gentleman's sudden insanity.

The occurrence last night on the Ma-noa road above Kamehameha avenue where the Rapid Transit cars turn into College Hills, came near ending in a case of criminal assault. The locality is dark and forbidding and an ideal one for highway crime. An electric light is badly needed there.

There was a touch of pathos when Mr. Sumner counted the array of counsel yesterday, and after looking at each beak and claw remarked that Mr. Magoon hadn't had anything yet.

As soon as the cable excitement is over, local interest in the next race for the America cup may be expected to revive.

The Sunday Advertiser may contain the latest cablegrams and will contain the latest local and territorial news.

The Panama Canal Commission ought to come over to Hawaii and look at our fine line of spendthrift guardians.

The cable comes in to mark the new era and the mule car ambles out with the remains of the old one.

There begins to be a gleam of New Year hope in the melancholy eye of the Pain mule.

There is no bankruptcy clause in the Monroe doctrine.

A Happy New Year to all the Advertiser's readers.

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NEW YEAR PROSPECTS.

The new year opens with promise for Hawaii along the following lines:

1. Steady gains in the good prospects of sugar indicate an easier money market about the middle of the season. There seems to be no doubt that four cent sugar is near at hand; and the difference between sugar at that price and the average price of the past year, would add four millions of dollars to the cash balances of Hawaiian planters, the figures being based upon the present crop of 400,000 tons. Under the stimulating influence of this addition of profit all lines of business should prosper.

2. An increase of tourist custom. The coming of the cable has removed one chief obstacle to the development of tourist business. A stranger in the Territory will no longer be isolated from the world of commerce and trade. He can keep in touch with his personal interests, wherever they may be in civilized lands. Assured of a cable, people will come here who, otherwise, would have held aloof. When they come they will find, thanks to urban growth in hotels and transit lines and suburban growth in the means of general communication, comforts and conveniences such as they left behind them and are accustomed to look for in fashionable resorts. It is encouraging to know that the commercial bodies of Honolulu will, during the new year, put forth special efforts to encourage and attract the tourist class.

3. A better local administration. The old year saw the rule of the most dangerous and least reputable element in the Home Rule party reach its zenith and decline. A political uprising of the best class of natives and whites elected a clean and efficient legislature. The fruits of this change will be gathered in 1903. They should include an increase in business confidence and administrative efficiency and a better system of local improvements. The year may see city and county government, providing the Legislature does not find the experiment too costly for the taxpaying population as it stands. It will assuredly see a higher level of personal integrity in Territorial office.

4. The opening of Pearl Harbor. There is every reason to believe that, during 1903, deep sea ships will enter Pearl harbor. It may be deemed probable that, within the same period, the Federal government will begin construction work there on a large scale, looking toward the development of a naval base and of military defenses. One of the adjuncts of this work will be the development of a town for housing large numbers of skilled laborers, employed in the government machine and repair shops.

5. The settlement of vacant public lands. It is proposed to make such lands more available to small farmers and to induce them to settle upon arable tracts as individuals or as colonies. In such a movement lies the hope of diversified agriculture, of cheaper living, and of a steadier electorate. Governor Dole's commitment to this policy was foreshadowed by his inaugural address and it bids fair to become the chief feature of the closing years of his administration.

6. The health of the Territory will be conserved by more vigorous measures to keep inhabited places clean and to ward off the diseases of the Orient. Much has been done already on these lines and the efforts of the Board of Health will be bent, during 1903, to increase the sanitary safeguards which have proved so effective in the recent past.

The new year will doubtless see the local transit system clarified by the absorption of the Tramway line by the Rapid Transit system.

So on the whole there is a bright outlook, particularly so when it is contrasted with the forebodings of one year ago.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

There will be plenty of good resolutions made today, some to be kept, others to be broken. The first of January is, in a wider sense than casual people suppose, a time of personal introspection, of a desire for a better life and of a surer strength against temptation. Every saloon keeper and cigar dealer knows that this is true owing to a temporary decrease in his retail trade. That is why, in most cities, the saloons keep open house and "treat" liberally on New Year's day. Their owners know that if a man can be got to drink then he will not pledge himself against intoxicants for the remainder of the twelve months. It is made hard for men who want to swear off to avoid the saloons on the first day of the year—made hard as a matter of business. Once a convivial man is carried through that day on a high and sparkling tide, he will, very likely, be a regular drinker for the next three hundred and sixty-four days, providing he isn't sick abed.

The man who swears off this morning had better stay at home or ride out into the country with his wife or sweetheart. He has no business down town. He will find if he gets through the first day safely that the gauntlet of the second is easier to run. Experience shows that the strength of a habit is not regulated or fixed by vice alone. A good habit is as easy to acquire as a bad one. Tens of thousands proved it

when they signed and kept the Murphy pledge. Millions have proved it when they turned square about in their daily walk and accepted and sustained the obligations of the church. The dietetic fasters have learned over and over again that it does not come hard to alter one's daily regimen for good. Those who observe Lent in the stricter sense do not always deserve credit for penitential pains. They soon get so used to going without a given pleasure that the process ceases to be self-denial. The lazy man begins, on the advice of his doctor, to take some form of irksome exercise. Soon the habit is as surely fixed as laziness had been. The chains of habit are not a bit stronger when forged by the Devil than when they are wrought and welded by a benignant Providence.

The secret of success in swearing off is to get used to one's pledge. The guarantee is time.

CABLE MAY BE LAID AT ONCE

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In the channel being exceptionally smooth, the connection between the deep sea cable aboard ship and that dropped on Monday may be made and the trip to windward continued with the cable dropping astern, which would mean that the final splicing would occur out at sea to windward.

All of this is conjecture, but it is a fact that the shore end folk are making ready to take a report at the first moment, and it is certain that if the ship should decide to connect in the channel and run to sea with the intermediate cable, there would be on hand watchers to answer the very first call from the ship.

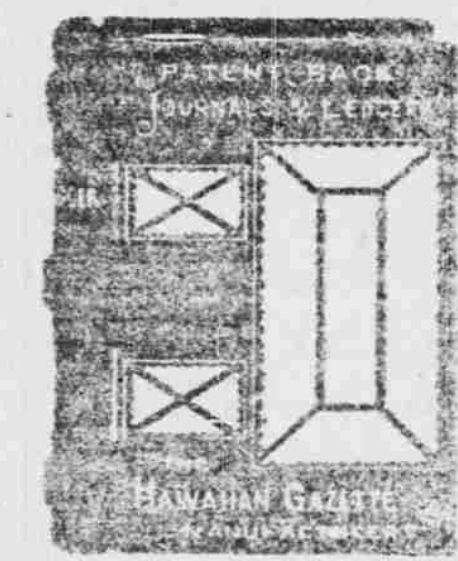
The committee which will have charge of the celebration of cable day is left as much in the dark by the recent developments, as could be any citizen of the city. It has been stated unofficially that there will be a certain time elapse between the closing of the gap and the final opening of the wires for business. The opinion expressed by those who have had to do with such things in the past, is that the wires, even if connected successfully today, will not be given over to business, even the congratulatory messages between the President and Governor, until there have been made certain thorough and exhaustive tests, which will take time and will establish the fact that the wire laid at the bottom of the sea is in every way as perfect a connection as may be had.

It was the opinion of Manager Dickenson yesterday that it might be possible for the cable day celebration to be held on Friday afternoon though it is said to be more likely that Saturday will be the day chosen. This will mean that there will be sent such messages as are of a formal nature and then the wire will be given over again to the tests. In either event it is hardly possible that the New Year's greetings will be sent over the wire.

The culminating event of the celebration of the cable day will be the ball which will be given by Secretary Cooper and Mrs. Cooper in the Executive building. There will be a gathering of the clans, and the ball rooms, especially the throne room, where the dancing will take place, will be crowded. The music will be rendered by the orchestra of the band and there will be paid every attention to the comfort of the guests of the Territory. If the event comes off according to expectations, opportunity will be given for the people to meet the officers of the cable ship Silvertown, and the celebration will continue into the short hours of the night.

The ball will be in charge of Secretary Cooper, but he will be assisted by several committees, that in charge of the floor being J. W. Jones, George C. Potter, J. Tarn McGrew, R. W. Shingle, J. W. Pratt, W. F. Dillingham and F. C. Smith.

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